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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/624,965

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

) Group Art Unit: 1646

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## AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action of June 8, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A request for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee are filed concurrently with this amendment so that a reply filed December 10, 2001, is timely (December 8, 2001 being a Saturday). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in light of the following amendment and remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first full paragraph on page 2 and replace with the following:

There is a need for an assay which is of predictive and diagnostic value in monitoring Alzheimer's disease and for any therapeutic interventions therein. In accordance with the present invention, it has now been discovered that processing of circulatory APP is